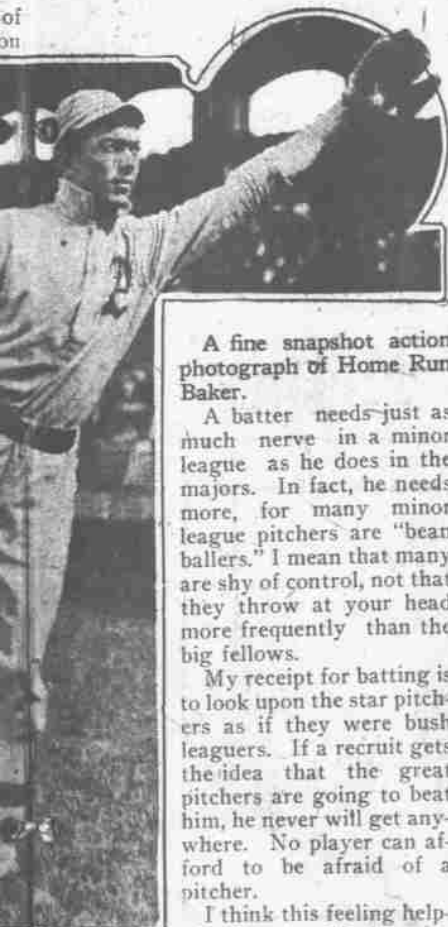


## WORLD'S CHAMPIONS' HOME RUN BATSMAN

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A fine snapshot action photograph of Home Run Baker.

A batter needs just as much nerve in a minor league as he does in the majors. In fact, he needs more, for many minor league pitchers are "bean ballers." I mean that many are shy of control, not that they throw at your head more frequently than the big fellows.

My receipt for batting is to look upon the star pitchers as if they were bush leaguers. If a recruit gets the idea that the great pitchers are going to beat him, he never will get anywhere. No player can afford to be afraid of a pitcher.

I think this feeling helped me against Mathewson.

I knew he was a wonderful pitcher, but I also knew he had such good control

that he would not hit me and I simply waited until I got a good one. Fortunately I got it just when it was most needed.

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The season of 1911 was the most disastrous to minor leagues since the organization of the National association. Much of the trouble was due to failure to keep within the salary limit.

From 1877 to 1890, 13 years, Silver Flint caught 835 games and in 833 he worked without glove, mask or protector.

Adrian C. Anson played in 1,582 games from 1876 to 1892. He made 2,252 hits, a total average of .344.

In 1875 the Boston team won every game on its home grounds.

Mike Kelly, in 1,155 games, covering 12 years, batted .321.

Jimmy Austin of the Browns is the fastest man in baseball, going to first. His time is .03 1-5 seconds.

Austin also holds the record of .14 1-5 seconds for circling the bases.

On Thursday, May 11, 1911, all batting records were smashed in the big leagues, when the eight games produced 126 runs and 177 hits.

The best strikeout performances are: Best professional record, Willie Mitchell, San Antonio, 20 men, 1909; National